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## **RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

## Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office action dated January 19, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring April 19, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.